of Secondary Education (CBSE), and schools make their own arrangement to provide necessary facilities.

Implementation of free education to single girl child

†1406. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States in the country where the scheme of providing free education to single girl child has been implemented;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when this scheme would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The CBSE in its circular dated 18.10.2005 addressed to its affiliated schools directed them to grant full waiver of fees (excluding meals and transportation fee) charged by them from class VI onwards to each girl student who is also the single child of her parents. Delhi High Court has issued an interim stay order on implementation of the circular and the matter is presently sub judice.

Decline in science education

1407. SHRI SANTOSH NAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree with the findings of the report by NCAER on decline in science education in the higher academic levels; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken to improve the situation in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made an appraisal of the existing schemes to promote science at the higher academic levels; if so, the reasons for the shortcomings as indicated in the aforesaid report; and

(d) the steps being taken to credibly improve the situation?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.